Upcycled Stained "Glass"

The Frick family home, Clayton, has many beautiful stained glass windows. You can create stained "glass" of your own using recycled materials in your house!

### Supplies:
- Permanent markers
- Cleaned clear plastic (Examples: a lid, fruit or vegetable container, etc.)
- White paper
- Pencil
- Ruler or something with a straight edge (we used a popsicle stick!)

### Instructions:

**Step 1:** Trace the shape of your clear plastic onto a piece of paper.

**Step 2:** Using a pencil so you can erase, draw a picture inside of the outline you made on the paper.

**Step 3:** Use your straight edge to draw intersecting lines across the design. Make sure you go all the way from one edge to the other!

**Step 4:** Erase where the lines cut through your original drawing.
Step 5: Place your clear plastic on top of your drawing, lining up the edges. Then carefully trace the drawing onto the plastic using a dark colored marker.

Step 6: Flip the plastic over and color in your design!

Step 7: Check out how the stained glass looks in different windows. Where does it get the best light?

Helpful Tips

- When cleaning your plastic, Goo Gone works best to get any labels off. If that isn't on hand, soak it in warm water, dish soap, and vinegar for a few hours before scrubbing.

- Working with upcycled materials is fun because you can experiment with different surfaces and shapes. Don't ignore the material you're using—work with it! Our example has a raised lip along the edge so we added a pattern of lines and dots to work as a frame for the piece.

- To hang your stained glass art in a window, punch a hole in the plastic and put a string or hooked suction cup through it.

Share your art with us!

We want to see the beautiful pieces of art you created. Snap a photo of the final product and share it on Instagram using #frickpghkids.